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**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-11T**

**AUTHORIZATION OF TANF REIMBURSEMENT BY  
THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
FOR THE OHIO STRENGTHENING FAMILIES INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is a state program of family assistance, which is provided with state and federal funds, authorized under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the first purpose of the TANF program is to "provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives"; and

**WHEREAS**, the third purpose of the TANF program is to "prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies"; and

**WHEREAS**, the fourth purpose of the TANF program is to "encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families"; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio is committed not only to the tenets of TANF but also to strengthening families for the good of the children; and

**WHEREAS**, children who grow up without their fathers are five times more likely to live in poverty; twice as likely to commit a crime; twice as likely to be abused; twice as likely to drop out of school; more likely to commit suicide; more than twice as likely to abuse alcohol or drugs; more likely to become a teenage parent; and more likely to bring weapons and drugs into the classroom;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Taft, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio and in accordance with Sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Ohio Revised Code, do hereby authorize the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to reimburse TANF allowable expenses on behalf of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GOFBCI) for projects that are a part of the GOFBCI Ohio Strengthening Families Initiative (OSFI).

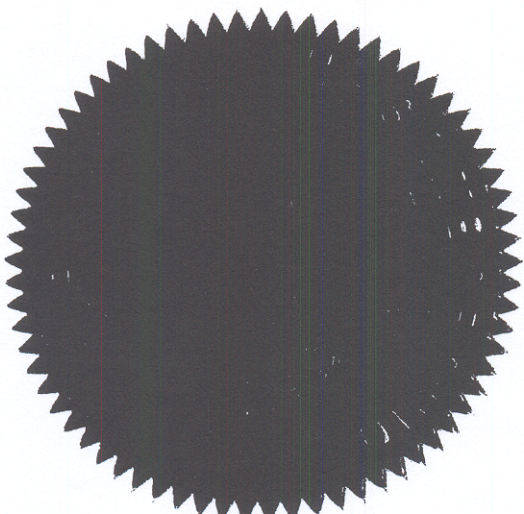
Reimbursement shall be up to \$11 million each for fiscal years 2006 and 2007.



GOFBCI may approve public and/or private agencies to operate OSFI projects. ODJFS shall enter into agreements with the GOFBCI-approved agencies, which shall specify the terms and conditions under which reimbursement will be made.

The GOFBCI-approved agencies shall comply with all TANF requirements, including reporting requirements and timelines as specified in state and federal laws, federal regulations, state rules, and the Title IV-A state plan, and are responsible for payment of any adverse audit finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government or other entity concerning these funds.

Effective with this Order, I revoke all Executive Orders issued that are inconsistent with this Order.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, Ohio this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August in the year Two Thousand and Five.

*Bob Taft*

Bob Taft, Governor

Filed on 8/2/05  
Per KM  
In the Office of the Secretary  
of State at Columbus, OH  
J. KENNETH BLACKWELL  
Secretary of State

ATTEST:

*J. Kenneth Blackwell*  
J. Kenneth Blackwell, Secretary of State